

**AMENDED CLAIMS**

1. (Previously Cancelled).

5 2. (Currently Amended) The device for banding stacks of bank notes of Claim 1,  
wherein said element for arranging said stack of bank notes ~~comprises, having~~ a tubular  
casing; which converges from an inlet to an outlet and ~~comprises of~~ includes a side cut-  
out along the its full length of said tubular casing.

10 3. (Previously Presented) A device for banding stacks of bank notes comprising:  
a body;  
a container for packing material having a box-like structure;  
a means for feeding said packing material;  
and,  
15 an element for arranging said stacks of bank notes.

4. (Previously Presented) The device for banding stacks of bank notes of Claim 3,  
wherein said packing material is band rings stacked in a flattened condition.

20 5. (Previously Presented) The device for banding stacks of bank notes of Claim 3,

wherein said means for feeding said packing material comprises of an element provided with both a pick-up unit and a mechanism for the displacement thereof.

6. (Currently Amended) The device for banding stacks of bank notes of Claim 3,  
5 wherein said element for arranging said stack of bank notes deforms said stack of bank notes along the longitudinal axis of said bank notes.

7. (Previously Presented) The device for banding stacks of bank notes of Claim 6,  
10 wherein said element for arranging said stack of bank notes comprises a sensor for defining the position of said stack.

8. (Currently Amended) The device for banding stacks of bank notes of Claim 3,  
wherein said element for arranging said stack of bank notes is coupled to ~~said~~ a displacement mechanism and ~~said~~ a pick-up unit.

9. (Currently Amended) The device for banding stacks of bank notes of Claim 3,  
wherein said element for arranging said stack of bank notes and said container for packing material are mounted to said body in such a way that said deformed stack of bank notes is ~~introduced in~~ bound by a ring taken from said container.

10. (Currently Amended) The device for banding stacks of bank notes of Claim 2,  
wherein a motion of said stack of banknotes through said tubular casing deforms said  
stack ~~is deformed with the motion of said tubular casing.~~

5 11. (Previously Presented) The device for banding stacks of bank notes of Claim 2,  
wherein said stack of banknotes is removed through said side cut.

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